



Scargo Pond

DENNIS

(Barnstable County)

53 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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(Dennis)

General Information:

This 60-acre natural kettlehole pond, also known as Scargo Lake, has an average depth of 25 feet and a maximum depth of 48 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to 16 feet. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble. Aquatic vegetation is scarce. The shoreline is moderately developed with beaches and permanent residences. The pond has an outlet to Sesuit Creek during high water periods.

The pond is located between Route 6A and Scargo Hill Road, and is easily reached off of route 6A. There are three town landings, all of which are suitable for launching light draft boats and canoes. Two are accessible via dirt roads immediately off Route 6A on the western side, and the remaining one on the northern cove can be reached from an unnamed road off the intersection of Route 6A and Sesuit Neck Road. **The town enforces a 7.5 horsepower limit on outboard motors.**

This pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1956. American eels dominated the fishery at that time. The lake was reclaimed again in 1961. White perch, eels and killifish made up the majority of species recovered. Adult smallmouth bass brood stock was stocked here in 1980.

Fish Populations:

No recent survey data exists, but smallmouth bass and American eel can be expected to occur along with stocked trout.

Fishing:

This pond is managed primarily as a trout water and is stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It regularly produces some nice holdover trout. Trolling or casting colorful streamers near the surface in early spring or late fall offers an excellent chance to bag a holdover. Recent stockies will fall for all the usual cast spinners and small spoons, as well as for worms or doughbaits suspended from the bottom or surface.

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